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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **MAIL STOP AF**  
Akira KAMIYA : **Confirmation No. 5407**  
Serial No. 09/900,168 : **Docket No. 2001\_0976A**  
Filed July 9, 2001 : **Group Art Unit 2613**

APPARATUS AND METHOD  
OF MULTIPLE DECODING

Examiner Richard J. Lee  
THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2004, having a three (3) month shortened-statutory period for response set to expire November 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: